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NOTICE.

In order to overcome the difficulty experienced in properly accounting for the ample quantities of Mail Bags and Mail Locks with which the Postal Service is provided, and with a view to keeping the same in constant circulation, and preventing any accumulation of unused Bags or Locks at different points throughout the Dominion, and unnecessary demands upon the Department for supplies of new Bags and Locks, Post Office Inspectors, City Postmasters Railway Mail Service Superintendents, Mail Clerks and Postmasters, generally, will for the future, be careful to see that all *surplus* Mail Bags, Newspaper Sacks, and Mail Locks and Keys coming into their possession, or under their observation, be immediately forwarded to the Postmaster General, Ottawa, (for Controller of Postal Stores), accompanied by an advice specifying the number of each sent in and the date upon which forwarded ; also that all Bags, Sacks, &c., not required for use in the return of mails be sent back by first mail by the *receiving* to the *despatching* post offices.

The "steel clamp" Mail Locks are in all cases to be kept permanently attached by the chain provided for the purpose to the Cotton Duck and Leather Mail Bags, and when occasion arises for sending to the Controller of Postal Stores, Ottawa, for repair either the Bags or the Locks, the Locks are to remain attached to the Bags and both to be forwarded together.

Postmasters of all offices other than of the cities will apply as may be necessary for new Mail Bags, Locks and Keys to the Supt. Railway Mail Service of their District, and return damaged and worn out Bags, Locks and Keys to the same address.

City Postmasters will, under like circumsstances, communicate directly with the Controller of Postal Stores, Ottawa.

The Postmaster General requires of all Post Office officials concerned special attention to the foregoing and energetic effort at all times in giving practical effect thereto.

POST OFFICE TRANSACTIONS

FOR

November and December, 1899, and January, 1900.

LIST OF POST OFFICES OPENED.

NAME OF POST OFFICE.	TOWNSHIP OR PARISH.	ELECTORAL DIVISION AND PROVINCE OR TERRITORY.	POSTMASTER.
Allanlea	Sec. 6, Tp. 18, R. 14, W. 1st M	Macdonald M	Alex. Campbell.
(a) Alvena	Sec. 18, Tp. 41, R. 1, W. 3rd M	Sask.	Joseph Tremblay.
Aston Junction	Aston	Nicolet Q	Télesph. Vigneau.
Athalmer		Yale and Cariboo B C	Jos. J. Lake.
Barnet		Burrard B C	J. M. Poitras.
Beresina	Sec. 30, Tp. 23, R. 31, W. 1st M	Assa East	Adolphe Becker.
Bittern Lake	Sec. 16, Tp. 47, R. 21, W. 4th M	Alta	Ernest Roper.
Blair	Waterborough	Sunbury & Queen's N B	Chas. B. Botsford.
Briton Cove		Victoria N S	Mrs. Chris. McLeod.
Brooklyn (re-opened)		Yale & Cariboo B C	J. L. Magney.
Clover Valley	Huron	Bruce, W.R. O	Ashley A. Blair.
Comaplix		Yale and Cariboo B C	G. H. Morkill.
Disley	Sec. 12, Tp. 19, R. 23, W. 2nd M	Assa West	David McArthur.
Dog Pound	Sec. 2, Tp. 29, R. 4, W. 5th M	Alta	Mrs. Amy E. Smith.
Drysdale (sub-office)	St. Antoine Division	City of Montreal Q	Wm. Drysdale.
Ethelbert	Sec. 31, Tp. 29, R. 21, W. 1st M	Marquette M	Geo. C. Bear.
Fairfax	Sec. 32, Tp. 5, R. 20, W. 1st M	Brandon M	Jno. H. Douglas.
Franklin Corners	South Plantagenet	Prescott O	Wm. Franklin.
(a) Golden Stream	Sec. 35, Tp. 13, R. 11, W. 1st M	Macdonald M	Wm. Burnby.
Green Cove		Victoria N S	John Roberts.
(a) Horncastle	Carden	Victoria, N.R. O	John Millaley.
Ingonishe Centre		Victoria N S	Henry Cann.
Kimberley		Yale & Cariboo B C	Chas. Estmere.
(a) Knapdale	Mosa	Middlesex, W.R. O	D McNaughton.
Leavitt	Sec. 31, Tp. 2, R. 26, W. 4th M	Alta	Walter Glenn.
Leroy	Wentworth	Cumberland N S	Wm. Mahoney.
Lewiston	Tangier	Halifax N S	Geo. E. M. Lewis.
Melanson	Horton	King's N S	Marshall Coldwell.
Melton	Sec. 30, Tp. 26, R. 18, W. 1st M	Marquette M	Herbert L. Short.
Mount Robson	St. Edouard de Frampton	Dorchester Q	Philémon Roy.

(a) Re-opened.

LIST OF POST OFFICES OPENED—*Concluded.*

NAME OF POST OFFICE.	TOWNSHIP OR PARILH.	ELECTORAL DIVISION AND PROVINCE OF TERRITORY.	POSTMASTER.
North Springfield		Annapolis N S	Guilf. M. Durling.
Ogilvie's	Springfield	King's N B	David Ogilvie.
Parker Road	Aylesford	King's N S	Justus B. Collins.
Pettapiece	Sec. 18, Tp. 13, R. 20, W. 1st M.	Marquette M	Wm. L. Thomas.
Pintendre	Lauzon	Lévis Q	Jos. Carrier.
Plantagenet Springs	North Plantagenet	Prescott O	Elie Gauthier.
River Valley	Gibbons	Nipissing O	David W. St. Eloi.
Ruby Creek		Yale & Cariboo B C	H. Fooks.
Ruther Glen	Sec. 2, Tp. 15, R. 29, W. 1st M.	Marquette M	Geo. W. McAuley
St. Claude	Cleveland	Richmond Q	O. Adam.
Sissiboo Falls	Weymouth	Digby N S	Fred. M. Steadman.
(*a*) Stewarton (sub-office)	City of Ottawa	Carleton O	Wm. L. Scott.
Stickney	Peel	Carleton N B	A. L. Stickney.
Swan River	Sec. 11, Tp. 36, R. 26, W. 1st M.	Marquette M	Hugh Harley.
Thistle	Egremont	Grey, S.R. O	David McKelvie.
Upper Sackville	Sackville	Halifax N S	Lewis L. Hamilton.
Venlaw	Sec. 26, Tp. 26, R. 22, W. 1st M.	Marquette M	Frank Dowkes.
Verdun		Jacques Cartier Q	Zénon Chartrand.
Waudby	Glenelg	Grey, S.R. O	Wm. Geo. Baker.
Weston	Wilmot	Carleton N B	Mrs. J. Cunningham
Woodlea	Sec. 28, Tp. 11, R. 16, W. 1st M.	Macdonald M	James E. Booth.

(*a*) Re-opened.

NOTE.—The Post Office at Forty Mile Creek, Yukon District, has not been in operation since March, 1897.

CHANGES IN POST OFFICES ALREADY ESTABLISHED.

NAMES CHANGES.

Duncan	District of Yale and Cariboo	B.C.	to	Howser.
Edna	District of Alberta		"	Star.
McKnight	County of King's	N.B.	"	Marrtown.
Minnokin	" Marquette	M.	"	Fork River.
Norton	" King's	N.B.	"	Raymond.
Norton Station	" King's	N.B.	"	Norton.
Ste. Anastasie Station	" Megantic	Q.	"	Lyster Station.
St. Leonard's	" Victoria	N.B.	"	Martin's.

OFFICES CLOSED.

Brooklyn	District of Yale and Cariboo	B.C.	Closed 20 November and re-opened 18 Dec., 1899.
Cherry Creek	" " "	B.C.	
Christina	" " "	B.C.	
Four Mile Brook	County of Pictou	N.S.	
Greenshields	" Richmond	Q.	
Land Villa	" Montmagny	Q.	
Lost Channel	" Hastings, E.R.	O.	
Melgund	" Brandon	M.	Closed 31 Dec. 1899.

OFFICES CLOSED—*Concluded.*

Morcambe	County of King's	N.B.
Palmer Rapids	" Renfrew, S.R	O.
Silver Mountain	District of Algoma	O.
Spring Arbour	County of Norfolk, S.R.	O.
Vermilion Bay.	District of Algoma	O.
West Magdala	County of Elgin, W.R.	O.
Wild Horse	District of Yale and Cariboo	B.C.

MONEY ORDER BRANCH TRANSACTIONS.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES TO BE ADDED TO THE LIST.

ONTARIO.

Stewarton, Co. Carleton.
Thornloe, Dist. Nipissing.
Young's Point, Co. Peterborough.

QUEBEC.

Drysdale (*Montreal*), Co. Hochelaga.
Lyster Station, Co Megantic.
Ste. Emélie de Lotbinière, Co. Lotbinière.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Dufferin Mines, Co. Halifax.
Merigomish, Co. Pictou.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Norton, Co. King's.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Oyster Harbour, Dist. Vancouver.

MONEY ORDER OFFICES TO BE REMOVED FROM THE LIST.

Bullion, Dist. Yale-Cariboo, B.C.
Hornby Island, Dist. Vancouver, B.C.
Lingan, Co. Cape Breton, N.S.
Merigonishe, Co. Pictou, N.S., *changed to Merigomish.*
Moose Creek, Co. Stormont, Ont.
Norton Station, Co. King's, N.B., *changed to Norton.*
Penticton, Dist. Yale-Kootenay, B.C.
Ste. Anastasie Station, Co. Megantic, Que., *changed to Lyster Station.*
Sicamous, Dist. Yale-Cariboo, B.C.
South Bay, Co. Victoria, N.S.

SAVINGS BANK BRANCH TRANSACTIONS.

Post Offices made Savings Bank Offices.

15th January, 1900.	Bridgewater, Co. Lunenburg, N.S.
"	City Councillor St., Montreal.

INFORMATION FOR POSTMASTERS.

1. New Postal Division.—A new Postal Division has been established with head-quarters at Vancouver, comprising the Electoral Districts of Burrard, New Westminster, Yale and Cariboo in British Columbia, and has been placed under the charge of Mr. W. H. Dorman, formerly Assistant Post Office Inspector of the British Columbia Division, who has been made a Post Office Inspector.

The remainder of the Province of British Columbia constitutes a Postal Division under the name of the Victoria Division,—head-quarters at Victoria, B.C.—and continues under the charge of Mr. E. H. Fletcher formerly Post Office Inspector of the British Columbia Division.

2. Building and Loan Society Pass Books.—The reduction in the Postage rate on Bank Pass Books which was announced in the Supplement for July last has been extended to the Pass Books used by Building, Loan, and Investment Societies. Such Pass Books will therefore in future pass by post at the rate of one cent per two ounces.

3. Removal of Stamps from Letters.—Several complaints, some of which it is feared are well founded, have reached the Department respecting the removal of stamps from letters in course of post. Such a practice is most reprehensible and should any act of this nature be proved against an officer of the postal service, the Department would deal with the matter very seriously.

4. Careful Examination of Addresses.—The Department has endeavoured on more than one previous occasion to impress upon Postmasters the necessity of carefully examining the addresses of letters they receive, and particularly of those addressed to parties whom they do not know. In the latter case there is always a possibility that the letter has been missent through a misreading of the address or otherwise. A Postmaster receiving a letter addressed to a business firm, hotel, bank or other public institution, *which does not exist in his locality*, may be reasonably certain the letter is not for his delivery, even though the name of his office appears thereon. A Postmaster may always send specially to the proper branch Dead Letter Office a letter which for any reason he cannot deliver.

5. Newspapers returned to Office of Publication.—The question is sometimes raised as to whether there is not a reduced rate of postage on unsold newspapers returned to offices of publication. There is no reduced rate on such matter: the rate is the ordinary printed matter one of one cent per four oz. or fraction thereof.

6. Address letters of United States Origin.—Postmasters sometimes overlook the fact that undelivered letters of United States origin which bear the senders address on the envelope are not to be sent to the Dead Letter Office, but are to be returned direct to the senders in the United States. In some cases such addresses appear on the back of the cover: and the Postmaster should then score out the first address of the letter and write across the face "See back."

7. Postage between adjoining Post Offices.—It was stated in the October Supplement that "the ordinary letter rate is now charged on all letters, which being posted at "one Post Office are sent for delivery to a different one, however close the latter may be to "the first office." It is necessary to observe that this is not limited to letters passing between a City Post Office and a suburban office, but is of general application throughout the country and therefore abolishes all exceptional arrangements which may have anywhere existed for a reduced rate between offices in close proximity to one another.

8. Letter-Cards.—Postmasters should endeavour to make it perfectly clear to persons purchasing Letter-Cards that a One Cent Letter-Card cannot be used as a Post Card for correspondence between different Post Offices, nor as a drop letter in places where there is a free Letter Carrier delivery. The letter-card as its name signifies is *a letter*, and whatever

postage a letter in the full sense of the word would require on any occasion, that amount of prepayment, and no less, is required on a Letter-Card used on a similar occasion.

9. Half Cent Stamps.—There are only two purposes according to the regulations which a single half-cent stamp will serve. One is to prepay newspapers and periodicals weighing not over one ounce; the other is to prepay *unaddressed* circulars handed in at, or sent to, a Post Office for distribution through the letter boxes to box-holders. If Postmasters find that any persons are under a different impression, they should endeavour to set them right, so that they may not purchase quantities of these stamps which they would find it inconvenient to use.

10. Postage Stamps Withdrawn.—The issue of the 3 cts., 6 cts., and 15 cts. stamps from the Department has ceased. Stamps of these denominations in the hands of the public will, however, continue to be recognized on correspondence.

11. The Kingdom of Corea entered the Universal Postal Union on the 1st January 1900.